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SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION

1. U.S. ECONOMIC OUTLOOK: "DIARIO POPULAR" DECEMBER 2
CARRIED ARTICLE FROM PLAINS, ENTITLED, "JIMMY CARTER
PESSIMISTIC ABOUT THE AMERICAN ECONOMY." ARTICLE
DESCRIBED CARTER MEETING WITH CHIEF ECONOMIC ADVISORS.

2. US-USSR RELATIONS: "DIARIO DE NOTICIAS" DECEMBER 3
CARRIED HEADLINE, "BRESHNEF PROMISES CARTER THAT HE WILL
AVOID ANY CRISIS". "O SEculo" COLUMN DECEMBER 3 ENTITLED
"THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN CARTER AND BRESHNEF IS OPEN"
DESCRIBED TREASURY SECRETARY SIMON'S TRADE MISSION TO THE
USSR AND THE HARRIMAN-CARTER DISCUSSIONS ON SOVIET UNION.
ARTICLE CONCLUDED, "DURING THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN, JIMMY CARTER
REPEATEDLY CRITICIZED PRESIDENT FORD FOR NOT BEING SUFFICIENTLY
FIRM WITH THE SOVIET UNION. IT IS CLEAR THAT THIS ATTITUDE
HAS NOT OBSTRUCTED SERIOUS AND CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE BETWEEN
THE TWO SUPERPOWERS. THE EXPLORATORY MOVES HAVE ALREADY STARTED
AND THEIR RESULTS WILL CERTAINLY BE VISIBLE BEFORE NEXT SPRING."

3. AZORES: "DIARIO DE NOTICIAS" COLUMN DECEMBER 3 CRITICIZED
REGIONAL ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT MOTA AMARAL'S POSITION VIS-A-VIS
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LAJES BASE NEGOTIATIONS AND CONCLUDED, "THOSE WHO HAVE A MINIMAL

KNOWLEDGE OF AMERICAN POLICY IN RELATION TO ITS MILITARY
BASES ALL OVER THE WORLD...KNOW HOW UNREALISTIC MOTA AMARAL'S
DEMANDS ARE ... THE U.S. WILL NOT GIVE ITSELF OVER TO THE
LUXURY OF SUPPORTING A DANGEROUS PRECEDENT WHICH WOULD
UNLEASH GLOBAL CONDEMNATIONS."
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